# **Steam Mills Primary**

28.01.22

Dear Parents/Carers,

# **Bikeability Cycle Training**

Well done and congratulations to the Year 5 children who took part in the Bikeability sessions this week, they all passed with flying colours! We have pursued a date for the Year 6 children to complete this training as it was missed last year due to Covid. Great news! Bikeability can train our Year 6's w/c 28<sup>th</sup> February; there will be a letter to follow shortly.

### Rags to Riches

Thank you to all of you who sent in bags for our Rags to Riches collection. We raised an amazing £107.36 (268.4kg) which will go to FoSM for future school events. Our next collection is booked for 17<sup>th</sup> May, so please do think of us when having a sort out.

# Parent/Carer survey

A link to a parent/carer survey has been sent to your e-schools account. We welcome your views on a range of topics and the survey will be open until 31.01.22. Here is the link again: https://web.nautilus.education/public/survey/174/2904/CLASS

### Class 1

Please could Class 1 have any spare cardboard egg boxes that you may have, they are for their cress caterpillars Thank you

### **Curriculum by Mrs Thomas**

Classes are well underway with their learning this term and have been doing some very exciting things. I have been talking to children this week about their Knowledge Organisers and they are enjoying learning about the key information linked to their themes, which are followed by quizzes. Children were sent home with their knowledge organisers at the start of term and they really do benefit from reading them with an adult at home. A few children have said they are even testing their parents, which is great to hear! Thank you for your ongoing support with this and if you want any further information about your child's current Knowledge Organiser or their curriculum, it is available on the website under the Curriculum tab.

# **Diary Dates**

# February

18<sup>th</sup> Last day of Term 3 – FoSM Non-school Uniform Day 28<sup>th</sup> Start of Term 4

28<sup>th</sup> Start of Term 4 Year 6 Bikeability

### March

1st Class 4 start Gymnastics

22<sup>nd</sup> Parents Evenings29<sup>th</sup> Parents Evenings

April

8<sup>th</sup> Last day of Term 4 – FoSM Non-school Uniform Day

25<sup>th</sup> Start of Term 5

# May

9th- KS2 SATS

12th

13<sup>th</sup> Tempest Class Photos & Leavers

Photos

17<sup>th</sup> Rags2Riches collection

Reception and Year 6 NHS Screening

26<sup>th</sup> FoSM Non-school

Uniform Day

27<sup>th</sup> Inset Training Day
Bowling Club open
sessions – children
welcome from

3pm

June

6<sup>th</sup> Start of Term 6 7<sup>th</sup> Class 3 start Gymnastics

July

4<sup>th</sup>&6<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 Residential – South Cerney

# eSchools

Just to remind parents/carers that eSchool learning is available for your child if they are unfortunate to have to isolate due to Covid-19. Please do contact the school office if your child is unsure how to log in to eSchools.

### Class 4 Residential

Look out for details of the Residential Trip that are coming home today. Please do not hesitate to ask Mrs Thomas or Miss Agg if you have any questions.

### Class Snippets!

A new regular newsletter feature to celebrate a few class highlights

**Pre-school:** There has been a lot of excitement in pre-school this week as the children are fascinated with snails! They have been busy with lovely snail artwork and have enjoyed their rhyming bingo and subitising in number work too!

Class 1: We have some super reptile experts in Class 1, who know a huge amount of facts about snakes, lizards and more. Children have loved talking to Mrs Thomas about their knowledge organisers and are clearly enjoying their school life.



#### **Head Teacher Certificates**



#### Pre-school

**Lewis** – Great descriptive language when talking about snails.

#### Class 1

**Alfie C** – For amazing story writing.

**Evie** – For fabulous reading.

#### Class 2

**Brandon** – For wonderful Geography work. **Sam** – Great leaning behaviour throughout the week

#### Class 3

Isabelle- Excellent progress in reading.

Norah- A well written narrative.

#### Class 4

**Jenson** – For persevering with conjunction.

Elliot - Great work with fractions.

**Class 2:** Children have shown great resilience in their swimming sessions and have created some wonderful weather artwork. Thank you to Miss Chamberlin for providing the planning in her absence, to ensure consistency, and to all staff who have provided such stability for the children especially to Miss Barber, Mrs Evans, Mrs Jobson, Mrs Saunders and Mrs Molyneux.

**Class 3:** Children have been learning more about the Anglo-Saxons and have created 3-D Anglo-Saxon model settlements, showing great co-operation and creativity. They have also investigated what food the Anglo-Saxons might have eaten and will leave it to the children to explain how they did this!

**Class 4:** Children have been learning about the art of Henry Rousseau in readiness for creating their own pop-inspired picture of animals from South America. They have shown fantastic teamwork, great communication and participation in PE too.

# Rights Respecting - Holocaust Memorial Day

Article 2 - Non- discrimination- treating everyone equally no matter their skin colour or beliefs. Article 38 - The right to protection from war.

In Class 3, we have read an age appropriate short story about Anne Frank and discussed the events that took place. Children were very mature in their discussion and thought of clear messages that we can learn from this. Some included:

'Treat others how you want to be treated'

'Everyone is the same, no matter that they look like or believe'

'All humans are equal'

Best Wishes Mrs Davis